

**INFORMATION**  
**EMT-BASIC TRAINING PROGRAM EQUIVALENCY FORM**

In order to become certified, Hawaii's laws and rules require persons to complete a Board-approved training program or its equivalent. The Board-approved training program consists of **certain subjects and skills and is 315 hours** (180 didactic/classroom hours and 135 clinical hours) in length.

To assist the Board in determining equivalency, you will need to have your EMT-Basic Training Program Director provide program information. If (after receiving the information) we determine that your program does not incorporate the required hours, subjects and skills, we will advise you of the deficiencies.

DIDACTIC/CLASSROOM DEFICIENCIES

Generally, deficiencies in the didactic/classroom subjects and hours may be addressed by obtaining training in the subjects. As an alternative, current certification in Basic Life Support (BLS), Prehospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS), and Hazardous Materials (Hazmat) will meet the didactic/classroom requirements.

CLINICAL DEFICIENCIES

Generally, deficiencies in the clinical skills and hours may be addressed by obtaining clinical experience or verifying past clinical experience (see below).

Obtaining clinical experience

Clinical experience may be obtained with a Hawaii licensed ambulance service provider who is willing to train you. It is called "peer review", since it must take place under the supervision of a provider's Hawaii certified EMT-Paramedic. If you qualify, a limited temporary certificate will be issued for the purpose of obtaining (or satisfying the deficiency in) the required clinical experience.

Alternatively, if an ambulance service provider in the continental U.S. is willing to train you under the same conditions as described above, we may be able to accept that period of peer review. Although you would not need a limited temporary certificate from us as our jurisdiction does not extend to other states, you may want to check with your local licensing authority to determine if peer review training is allowable.

Verifying past clinical experience

If you received training under the same conditions as described above, we may be able to accept that period of peer review provided it is verified by your medical or program director.

NOTIFICATION OF DEFICIENCIES

If (after receiving the information) we determine that your program does not incorporate the required hours, subjects and skills, we will advise you of the deficiencies.



§16-85-56 Courses of training. (a) The **EMT-Basic course of training** shall be as follows:

- (1) The course of training shall be based on, but not limited to, the national Emergency Medical Technician Ambulance (EMT-A) curriculum of the United States department of transportation;
- (2) The course shall include the minimum theoretical knowledge necessary to provide for the application of basic life support skills in the delivery of prehospital emergency services in the following subjects for a minimum of **one hundred eighty hours**:
  - (A) Standards and policies of the emergency medical services system;
  - (B) Human systems and patient assessment;
  - (C) Respiratory emergencies;
  - (D) Cardiovascular emergencies;
  - (E) Neurological emergencies;
  - (F) Musculoskeletal injuries;
  - (G) Obstetrical and gynecological emergencies;
  - (H) Pediatric emergencies;
  - (I) Medical emergencies;
  - (J) Trauma;
  - (K) Shock;
  - (L) Basic knowledge of behavioral disorders;
  - (M) Extrication and rescue techniques; and
  - (N) Introduction to communications;
- (3) The course shall include both hospital and emergency ambulance clinical experience to enable the student to demonstrate competency in basic life support skills required for certification. The course of clinical experience shall be for a minimum of **one hundred thirty-five hours**; and
- (4) The course of training shall include the following skills:
  - (A) Perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation;
  - (B) Obtain basic patient history and physical examination;
  - (C) Obtain and monitor vital signs;
  - (D) Establish and maintain airways;
  - (E) Administer free-flow one hundred per cent oxygen;
  - (F) Ventilate with bag-mask;
  - (G) Apply and use mechanical automatic heart and lung resuscitator;
  - (H) Control hemorrhage;
  - (I) Apply bandages;
  - (J) Immobilize or splint fractures, dislocations, and sprains;
  - (K) Immobilize and extricate automobile injury victims;
  - (L) Perform light rescue and triage;
  - (M) Perform emergency delivery of baby, and provide newborn care;
  - (N) Initiate intervention with behavioral disorders;
  - (O) Apply antishock trousers (MAST);
  - (P) Operate a medical communications system;
  - (Q) Operate an emergency medical vehicle; and
  - (R) Perform twelve-lead electrocardiogram (EKG).